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FOLLOW BEGINNING AFTER WORDS QUOTE THE MIDDLE EAST UNQUOTE.

DR. KISSINGER WILL NOT GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO PLEAD WITH THE
PARTIES TO MOVE INTO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

BUT THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL THE OTHER PARTIES
DIRECTLY INVOLVED, KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED
TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE PAST YEAR WOULD NOT HAVE
BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT DR. KISSINGER FUNCTIONING AS A BROKER BE-
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TWEEN THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS, THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL EM-

PHASIZED.

SECRETARY KISSINGER IS STILL WILLING TO CONTINUE IN THAT
ROLE.

HOWEVER, IF HE FINDS THAT THE MEANING OF RABAT IS TOTALLY
UNFULFILLABLE CONDITIONS THAT WILL PRODUCE A STATEMENT, HE WILL
NOT RPT NOT EXHORT THE ARABS.

THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL MADE IT ADAMANTLY CLEAR THAT DR.
KISSINGER WILL NOT PLEAD WITH THE ARABS TO NEGOTIATE.

SECRETARY KISSINGER DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) EXPECT ANY ANNOUNCE-
MENTS TO COME AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS BRIEF TRIP ON THE NEXT
PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE WANTS TO GET AN INTERPRETATION OF WHAT
THE NEXT PHASE WOULD BE LIKE.

THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL MADE THESE OTHER POINTS: --

-- ANY PARTY IN THE MIDDLE EAST WANTING TO GET A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT HAS TO DEAL THROUGH THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE
THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT BOTH SIDES CAN
TALK TO. THERE WAS A STALEMATE UNTIL DR. KISSINGER BEGAN
HIS MIDDLEMAN'S ROLE. THERE IS LIKELY TO BE ANOTHER STALE-
MATE UNTIL THE UNITED STATES MOVES AGAIN.

-- THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT RPT NOT THROUGH ITSELF INTO
THE MIDDLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NOW BEFORE CAREFUL
THOUGHT.

-- A RETURN OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE CONFERENCE AT THIS
POINT WOULD PRODUCE A STALEMATE. BUT IT IS PERHAPS INEVITABLE
THAT THE PEACE CONFERENCE AT GENEVA WILL RESUME BY MID-MARCH.
WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

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